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In re application of: ) Docket No. ASIAP112  
Yeong Suk CHOI et al. )  
Application No. 09/990,103 ) Examiner: T. Zalukaeva  
Filed: November 21, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
For: METHOD FOR SYNTHESIS OF ) Date: August 29, 2003  
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ELECTION OF SPECIES FOR PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Communication dated July 29, 2003. In response to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species exemplified in Example 2 (see the specification at pages 14-15) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants submit that at least claims 1-5 and 7-11 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for the subject application. If any fees are due to effect consideration of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ASIAP112).

Respectfully submitted,  
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